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Present: Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey,
United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 3416.31/2 and 3.

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that the French Delegation had submitted a redefinition proposal for sub-item(e) (COCOM 3416.31/2). There had been a preliminary discussion on May 4th during which the French Delegate had given further technical details (COCOM 3416.31/3). He invited Delegates to give the views of their authorities on the French proposal.

2. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate said that his authorities agreed with the substance of the French proposal and suggested that for clarity the final sentence should be modified to read as follows:

"(Core loss of 0.59 watt per lb. or less, at B=15,000
and 60 cycles per second.)"

3. The FRENCH Delegate thanked his United Kingdom colleague for the suggestion he had made and said that it was acceptable to his authorities.

4. The GERMAN, ITALIAN and NETHERLANDS Delegates stated that their authorities could accept the French proposal, together with the modification put forward by the United Kingdom.

5. The JAPANESE Delegate said that in Japan only one company produced this type of sheet, thus there was no generally accepted standard. This company usually worked on the basis of 15,000 gaussess, although at times they used 10,000 gaussess. The Japanese authorities could therefore accept the French proposal to substitute 15,000 for 13,000 gaussess. The Delegate went on to say that if the French proposal were accepted, it would result in a slight narrowing down of the embargo coverage, but since only three grades of grain oriented sheets would be decontrolled, and the Japanese authorities had no firm views on the strategic value of these three types, they were prepared to side with the majority on this question.

6. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that he agreed with his Japanese colleague that there were two parts to this problem; first the question of standards to be used and secondly the strategic importance of the types of sheets which would be decontrolled. He believed it was the second point that was causing his authorities the more difficulty and he had no final instructions on the French proposal.

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7. The FRENCH Delegate drew the attention of the Committee to the penultimate paragraph of his Memorandum, which stated that the sheets in question would have no other use than the manufacture of transformers. Since transformers themselves were not on the embargo list the Delegate strongly urged the United States Delegation to accept the redefinition proposal.

8. The GERMAN and UNITED KINGDOM Delegates supported the plea which had been made by their French colleague. The present definition embargoed almost all grain oriented sheets used for commercial purposes and they felt that there was no justification for the continuation of the embargo in this respect.

9. The COMMITTEE agreed to continue the discussion on June 1st.

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